

Welcome to the Mat-Su Middle College School (MSMCS), the oldest Middle College in Alaska. MSMCS is a dual enrollment program that partners with the University of Alaska on the Mat-Su College Campus (MSC). Our students are enrolled full time in MSMCS and are concurrently taking college classes on the MSC campus. Our students will take both high school courses and college courses while completing their high school graduation requirements. Additionally, students build a college transcript that will benefit their future college enrollment in either in Alaska or another state. Students may either work towards an Associate Degree or take courses that will lay the foundation for a specific Bachelor's Degree, the choice is theirs.

MSMCS is a Mat-Su Borough School District school that requires an application, college placement exams and acceptance. Each student's tuition scholarship is funded through the base student allocation and supported throughout the community as a choice school. MSMCS students must meet the following program requirements for acceptance.

- High school GPA 2.0 or higher
- Completed application with 3 letters of recommendation (2 Teacher and 1 counselor)
- Passing either Accuplacer 170+ or ALEKS 30+ for college placement
- Be a sophomore, junior or senior in good academic standing and on track to graduate

Our application process begins at the school website. The online application is accessed through the "Apply Now" button when you scroll down the page. At the end of the online application process there will be three Saturday placement testing dates with morning and afternoon testing times to choose from. **Students are required to test before their applications will be considered.** After completing and submitting the application students their families will receive the responses as a confirmation that the application was submitted. Formal application review reviewing begins after [March 8th](#) deadline. We will then notify applicants of their acceptance or denial on or before [March 31st](#). If accepted students will need to immediately contact MSC to make an appointment for a meeting with their college advisor for the fall semester. Parents are encouraged to attend. These appointments begin immediately and class availability may be dependent on the timeliness of making this appointment. Following acceptance, MSMCS will host a parent preview night in the spring highlighting what families should expect, parents and students are invited to attend.

MSMCS will begin the 2018-2019 school year with high school classes starting **August 16th**, 2018. We follow the next week with our mandatory orientation week for students. Orientation falls the week after high school starts and the week before college classes begin. Orientation offers students sessions, workshops and tours on MSC campus, as well as textbook distribution. The following week college and seminar classes begin. Seminars are companion classes that are for high school credit. Any students that are first time college in Math, English/Social studies will be required to be in a seminar class as a scholarship requirement. These courses are a part of the structure support that ensures student success.

Our application process and funding is one of a scholarship program with specific outcomes in mind. As with any scholarship program we have academic and behavioral expectations that students are required to meet. We have timelines and requirements for attendance for both high school and college classes. Failure to meet these requirements may result in students returning to their home high school. Consideration of the student's graduation status, placement scores, application answers, high school GPA are primary factors in determining initial course load. A student's college GPA is the primary

consideration for course load and continuation. Earning a D, F or W in any college course will result in academic probation or program removal. Additionally, academic dishonesty will be treated similarly.